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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To settle accounts between a purchaser and a vendor without any trouble by structuring a system which electronically confirms application for a purchase, the reception of an article, and the payment of money.

SOLUTION: The purchaser sends an indication for purchasing an article directly to a vendor's computer 2 by using a computer 1. The purchaser sends electronic cash corresponding to the price to an electronic cash temporary consignor's computer 3. The vendor after confirming that the electronic cash has been consigned sends the requested article to the purchaser together with an article delivery slip. The purchaser having received the article prepares and sends an article receipt to the electronic cash temporary consignor and vendor. The electronic cash temporary consignor's computer 3 matches the article recepits received from the purchaser and vendor against each other and considers that the account settlement requirements are met when all the items match each other, thereby sending the electronic cash corresponding to the purchase price to the vendor's computer 2.

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